

Amendments to the Drawings:

The drawings attached in the Appendix include changes to FIG. 12. Replacement sheet 11, which includes FIG. 12, replaces the original sheet 11 including FIG. 12. In FIG. 12, previously omitted element 1150b has been added.

Attachment (in Appendix): Replacement Sheet (11/11)
Annotated Sheet Showing Change

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 are pending and examined in this application. Claims 1-19, 28, and 31 are objected to but indicated as directed to allowable subject matter. Claims 20-27, 29, 30, and 32-34 are rejected. Through this paper, claims 1, 17, and 20-26 are amended without any intention of disclaiming equivalents thereof.

The specification has been amended to correct typographical mistakes obvious to one skilled in the art. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments introduce no new matter.

Support for the amendment to claim 1 can be found throughout the specification, for example, in FIG. 2. Claim 17 is amended to conform to amended claim 1 and the support for this amendment can be found, for example, in claim 1 as originally filed.

Support for the amendment to claim 20 can be found throughout the specification, for example, on page 6, paragraph 30 and FIG. 2. Claim 21 is amended to correct an inadvertent typographic error obvious to one skilled in the art. Support for the amendment to claim 22 can be found throughout the specification, for example, in FIGS. 6A and 6B. Support for amendment to claim 23 can be found throughout the specification, for example, on page 7, paragraph 36; and on page 14, paragraph 55. Support for the amendment to claim 24 can be found throughout the specification, for example, on page 14, paragraph 58. Support for the amendment to claim 25 can be found throughout the specification, for example, on page 7, paragraph 36; and on page 8, paragraph 38.

Support for the amendment to claim 26 can be found throughout the specification, for example, on page 6, paragraph 30 and FIG. 2. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is added through any of the claim amendments.

Objections to Specification and Drawings

Applicants have amended all the informalities in the written description noted by the Office action and respectfully request the withdrawal of all the objections to the written description.

Applicants have also amended FIG. 12 to add previously omitted reference numeral "1150b." Support of the drawing amendment is found, for example, on page 19, paragraph 73.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of objections to the drawings as well.

Claim Objections

Claims 1-19 and 21 are objected to because of informalities in claims 1 and 21.

Specifically in claim 1, the Office action objects to repeated recitation of "a cavity." Applicants have amended claim 1 to recite that both a first and second winding devices are disposed "in the cylinder" instead of "in a cavity," obviating the claim objection.

Claim 21 has been amended to correct the typographic error noted by the Office action. Applicants respectfully submit that all the claim objections have been overcome and request the withdrawal of all claim objections.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 22-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

Applicants have amended claim 22 to particularly recite that the claimed web-winding device comprises multiple spools configured to reside in multiple cavities. Applicants respectfully submit that the amended claim language is definite and does not claim combination with a cylinder.

Applicants have also amended claims 23 and 24 to recite that the claimed device includes an actuation mechanism that displaces the device. Applicants respectfully submit that the amended claim language now recites definitive structures to perform the claimed function.

Finally, Applicants have amended claim 25 to recite a sensor for performing the function of sensing information related to tension in the web material, and an actuation mechanism for performing the function of activating the tension adjuster.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that all the claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 have been overcome and request the withdrawal of all these claim rejections.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 20, 21, 23, 25-27, 29, 30, and 32-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 over U.S. Patent No. 3,737,230 to van Meijel *et al.* (hereinafter "van Meijel"). Applicants respectfully

submit that van Meijel does not describe a tension adjuster, but in the interest of advancing the prosecution, Applicants have amended the independent claims at issue to further distinguish the present claims from the disclosure of van Meijel.

Specifically, claim 20 has been amended to recite that the tension adjuster is configured to contact the web material only between a rotational axis of the cylinder and the tangent plane at the contact point. In contrast, the purported tension adjusters in van Meijel, the "guide rollers" (16, 16', 17, 17'), are configured to contact the web material, at least sometimes, outside the tangent plane at the contact point. This is partly because van Meijel's guide rollers are designed to affect the length of web paths (col. 4, lns. 55-66).

Claim 26 has been amended with a similar limitation, and Applicants respectfully submit that at least for similar reasons with regard to amended claim 20, amended claim 26 is novel over van Meijel.

At least for reasons above, Applicants respectfully submit that van Meijel does not teach or suggest all the limitations of amended claims 20 and 26, or their respective dependent claims, and request the reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Summary

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the application and claims 1-34 in light of the foregoing amendment and remarks, and respectfully submits that the claims, as amended, are in condition for allowance. If, in the Examiner's opinion, a telephonic interview would expedite the favorable prosecution of the present application, the undersigned attorney would welcome the opportunity to discuss any outstanding issues, and to work with the

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Examiner toward placing the application in condition for allowance.

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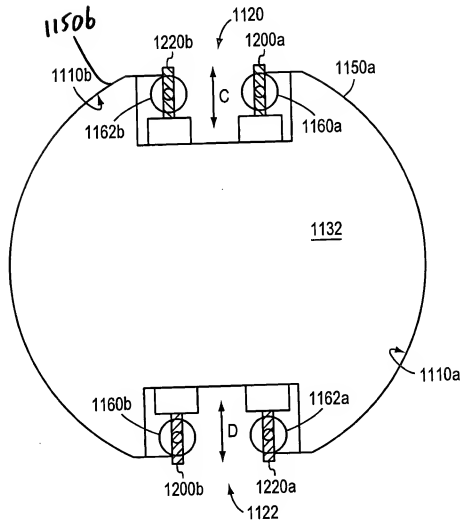


FIG. 12